

5-15-A. Administrative Enforcement: Agency Representation in Hearings and Signing of Consent Agreements (1200 TN 350 5-15-A)**1. AUTHORITY.**

- a. To represent the Agency in administrative enforcement actions conducted under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and 5 U.S.C. Section 554;
- b. To negotiate consent agreements between the Agency and respondents resulting from such enforcement actions; and
- c. To initiate an appeal from an administrative determination, and to represent the Agency in such appeals.

2. TO WHOM DELEGATED.

- a. The authorities in 1.a. and 1.c. are delegated to the Regional Counsel.
- b. The authority in 1.b. is delegated to the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECAD); and Chief, Air, RCRA and Toxics Branch, ECAD.

3. LIMITATIONS.

- a. This authority may only be exercised after the alleged violator either files an answer or fails to file an answer in the specified time period.
- b. Only the Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (AA/OECA) may exercise the authority to initiate appeals.
- c. The AA/OECA must consult with the Regional Administrator or his/her designee and the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (AA/OCSPP) or his/her designee prior to initiating an appeal.

4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.

- a. This authority may not be redelegated without formal amendment.
- b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

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5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Sections 9(c) and 14 of FIFRA.
- b. The Agency official who signed the complaint should sign the settlement agreement.

6. SUPERSESSION. Delegations Manual, FIFRA, Regional Delegations 5-15-A. Administrative Enforcement: Agency Representation in Hearings and Signing of Consent Agreements, 1200 TN RIII 149 (February 27, 2003).

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